

be done to close loopholes, ensure enforcement, and take additional steps to stop a nuclear Iran. No matter the challenges that arise in the Middle East, we must never lose sight of the most dangerous threat of all, a nuclear armed Iran.

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#### PEACE THROUGH STRENGTH FOR ISRAEL

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, it was an honor to have Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu speak to a joint session of Congress yesterday. Israel is one of our country's closest allies, and the partnership shared between our two countries is vital in achieving peace and stability in the Middle East.

The Prime Minister is correct that reinstatement of the 1967 borders makes the country indefensible. I am grateful to the American Israel Public Affairs Committee for two tours of Israel, where I saw the strategic importance of the Golan Heights to stop Hezbollah and I learned of the inhumanity of rocket attacks by Hamas on Sderot. Israeli families are vulnerable to cowardly murderers.

Israel should not be forced to negotiate with those who refuse to acknowledge its right to exist. The United States must remain committed to Israel to promote peace and democracy in the Middle East.

I look forward to continuing to work with Israel in promoting peace, freedom, and stability. Ronald Reagan was right: peace through strength.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

#### THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO CUT BACK ON HOMELAND SECURITY

(Mr. CLARKE of Michigan asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CLARKE of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, this morning, as a member of the House Homeland Security Committee, I heard testimony that was very compelling. Even though bin Laden is dead, the terrorist threat to our country still exists, and it's a threat that's increasingly coming from within the United States.

My message to Congress: This is not the time to cut back on homeland security. Our local police, fire, and emergency medical providers are our first line of defense against any national emergency and against terrorist attacks. They need the funding right now to upgrade their communication systems so that they can better address this issue that faces Americans.

Again, let's protect our citizens by investing more in homeland security.

Redirect the money from Afghanistan to protect our people here at home.

#### STANDING WITH AMERICA'S MOST STEADFAST ALLY IN THE REGION

(Mrs. HARTZLER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. HARTZLER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express disappointment with President Obama's proposal for Israel to return to its pre-1967 borders.

President Obama's call for Israel to make more sacrifices in the pursuit of peace in the Middle East is unacceptable. The borders that were established in 1967 followed three wars launched against Israel. For Israel, acceptance of the 1967 borders would mean that Israeli sacrifices were for nothing. The territory acquired by the Israelis after they were subjected to unprovoked attacks serves as a buffer between Israel and enemies intent on destroying her.

We all want to see peace in the Middle East. But it is unrealistic and naive to think that peace will come as a result of Israel, the only democratic state in the region, making more concessions. Restoring the pre-1967 borders would be a victory for Hamas, a terrorist group committed to Israel's demise. This is not the path to peace, and the President should acknowledge this.

President Obama must stand by our most steadfast ally in the region. He must acknowledge that peace cannot be achieved through Israel's weakening its ability to defend itself against terrorists. The President, and all of us, must stand with Israel.

#### WALL STREET SPECULATORS

(Mr. DEFAZIO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DEFAZIO. This Memorial Day weekend, families all across America have cancelled their travel plans. Others are digging deep to pay 60 bucks for a fill-up. And \$10 of that \$60 is going to speculators on Wall Street.

Just yesterday, finally, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission filed its first suit against Wall Street market manipulation and speculation gouging the American people. The Republican reaction: Cut the budget of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission—that's what they proposed this week—and block any regulation of energy speculators.

So while families across America are struggling to keep their lifestyle, fill their tanks, and have a little fun with their families, the Wall Street speculators can ride down in their private elevators and relax in the backseat of their limousines while the chauffeur whisks them out to their third house in the Hamptons, because the Republicans have their backs and will protect the speculators at any cost.

#### STANDING WITH ISRAEL

(Mr. NUNNELEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. NUNNELEE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday in this Chamber, we listened as Prime Minister Netanyahu outlined a viable plan for peace in the Middle East, a plan that includes a free Palestinian state and a secure Israel.

Earlier, President Obama used the phrase, "The United States believes," to articulate his beliefs that this peace should be based on the 1967 borders.

This is not how the United States feels or has ever felt about Israel, an ally and a close friend; a friendship based on common democratic values, religious affinities, and security interests. As a friend, we cannot force Israel into indefensible borders ultimately leading to its destruction, because Israel is surrounded by people who want to see it wiped off the face of the Earth.

Israel is our friend, and we, the United States of America, believe in standing with our friend.

#### KOREAN WAR VETERANS ASSOCIATION RHODE ISLAND CHAPTER

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 15th anniversary of the Korean War Veterans Association in Rhode Island.

As we look toward Memorial Day, we remember all of our Nation's heroes who put their lives on the line because our country asked them to.

More than 54,000 deaths resulted from the Korean War, which occurred between 1950 and 1953, and more than 103,000 were wounded. In Rhode Island, more than 12 percent of our veterans served in the Korean War. Because of these servicemembers, we are able to enjoy the freedoms that we have here at home today.

We owe our veterans and their families our utmost gratitude and respect for the great sacrifices they have made on our behalf. In honor of their sacrifices, we must fulfill our promise to our veterans and their families by providing access to the highest quality health care, education, mental health services, housing, and employment.

I commend the Korean War Veterans Association of Rhode Island on its achievements and its hard work to support veterans and organizations like the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Ladies Auxiliary, Veterans.

I wish all veterans and their families a happy Memorial Day.

#### LIBYA

(Mr. BURTON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BURTON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I was disturbed this morning when I